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SUBJECT: ROMANIANS SUPPORT ALGERIAN PROPOSAL FOR  
SPECIAL UNGA SESSION

1. THE ROMANIAN REACTION SO FAR TO RECENT WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE HAS BEEN COOL, WHILE THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARDS ALGERIAN-PROPOSED SPECIAL UNGA SESSION ON PROBLEMS OF ENERGY, RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT IS CLEARLY POSITIVE. CENTRAL PRESS OF FEBRUARY 15 REPORTS THAT ROMANIANS HAVE MADE THEIR SUPPORT FOR ALGERIAN PROPOSAL KNOWN TO UN SEC GEN, POINTING OUT THAT AT PROPOSED CONFERENCE ALL STATES WOULD PARTICIPATE ON BASIS OF EQUALITY AND MUTUAL ADVANTAGE.

2. UNDER HEADLINE "A MEETING WHICH CREATED MORE PROBLEMS THAN IT SOLVED," SCINTEIA OF FEB 15 PUBLISHED ARTICLE STRESSING THAT RESULTS OF WASHINGTON CONFERENCE FELL FAR SHORT OF ANNOUNCED OBJECTIVES AND THAT SERIOUS DIFFERENCES OF OPINION WERE REVEALED BY FRENCH POSITION AND "DOUBLE COMMUNIQUE." ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH ASSERTION THAT UN IS BEST FORUM FOR DEALING WITH ENERGY CRISIS AND THAT

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SPECIAL UNGA SESSION WOULD ADOPT MEASURES IN INTEREST

OF ALL STATES, INCLUDING PRODUCERS AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS, DITULESCU OF MFA TOOK SIMILAR LINE IN CRITICIZING WASHINGTON CONFERENCE FOR BEING LIMITED AND EXCLUSIVE AND GAVE OPINION THAT ENERGY PROBLEMS COULD BEST BE DEALT WITH AT UN.

3. COMMENT. ROMANIAN OPPOSITION TO APPROACHING PROBLEMS THROUGH EXCLUSIVE OR OTHERWISE LIMITED GROUPINGS, WITH THEIR IMPLICATIONS OF INEQUALITY AMONG STATES, IS CLEARLY AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD WASHINGTON CONFERENCE AND PROPOSED UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. AT SAME TIME, ROMANIANS UNDOUBTEDLY CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR ALGERIAN PROPOSAL HELPFUL IN THEIR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO WOO THE ARABS AND IN DEMONSTRATING "PRINCIPLED" FOREIGN POLICY, IN WHICH EQUALITY OF STATES IS A CENTRAL ELEMENT, TO THIRD WORLD.  
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